

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

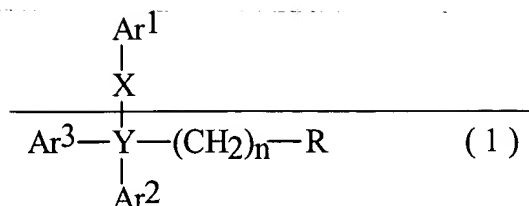
This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~treating or~~  
~~alleviating a disease or disorder selected from the group~~  
~~consisting of Addison's disease, alopecia areata, Ankylosing~~  
~~spondylitis, haemolytic anemia (anemia haemolytica), pernicious~~  
~~anemia (anemia perniciosa), aphthae, aphthous stomatitis,~~  
~~osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, aspermiogenese, asthma~~  
~~bronchiale, auto immune asthma, auto immune hemolysis, Bechet's~~  
~~disease, Boeck's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, Burkitt's~~  
~~lymphoma, Chron's disease, chorioiditis, colitis ulcerosa, Coeliac~~  
~~disease, cryoglobulinemia, dermatitis herpetiformis,~~  
~~dermatomyositis, insulin dependent type I diabetes, juvenile~~  
~~diabetes, idiopathic diabetes insipidus, insulin dependent~~  
~~diabetes mellisis, auto immune demyelinating diseases, Dupuytren's~~  
~~contracture, encephalomyelitis, encephalomyelitis allergica,~~  
~~endophthalmia phaeoanaphylactica, enteritis allergica, autoimmune~~  
~~enteropathy syndrome, erythema nodosum leprosum, idiopathic facial~~  
~~paralysis, chronic fatigue syndrome, febris rheumatica, glomerulo~~  
~~nephritis, Goodpasture's syndrome, Graves' disease, Hamman Rich's~~

~~disease, Hashimoto's disease, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, sudden hearing loss, ensoneural hearing loss, hepatitis chronica, Hodgkin's disease, haemoglobinuria paroxysmatica, hypogonadism, ileitis regionalis, iritis, leucopenia, leucemia, lupus erythematosus disseminatus, systemic lupus erythematosus, cutaneous lupus erythematosus, lymphogranuloma malignum, mononucleosis infectiosa, myasthenia gravis, traverse myelitis, primary idiopathic myxedema, nephrosis, ophthalmia sympathica, orchitis granulomatosa, pancreatitis, pemphigus, pemphigus vulgaris, polyarteritis nodosa, polyarthritidis chronica primaria, polymyositis, polyradiculitis acuta, psoriasis, purpura, pyoderma gangrenosum, Quervain's thyreoiditis, Reiter's syndrome, sarcoidosis, ataxic sclerosis, progressive systemic sclerosis, seleritis, multiple sclerosis, sclerosis disseminata, acquired spenic atrophy, infertility due to antispermatozoan antibodies, thrombocytopenia, idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura, thymoma, acute anterior uveitis, and vitiligo, inhibiting T cell proliferation,~~

said method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a chemical compound having selective  $IK_{Ca}$  modulatory activity to said mammal, wherein the chemical compound is a triaryl methane derivative represented by ~~Formula I~~



~~and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an oxide or a hydrate thereof, wherein~~

~~— n is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6;~~

~~— X is absent, or represent a group of the formula  $(\text{CH}_2)_n$ , of the formula  $(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{Z}$  (in either direction), of the formula  $(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{CH}=\text{N}$  (in either direction), the formula  $(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{Z}(\text{CH}_2)_m$ , or of the formula  $(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{CH}=\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_m$  (in either direction) or a group of the formula  $\text{R}''\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}$ ;~~

~~— in which formulas~~

~~— n and m, independently of each another, represent 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and~~

~~— Z represents O, S, or  $\text{NR}'''$ , wherein  $\text{R}'''$  represents hydrogen or alkyl;~~

~~— Y represents a carbon atom (C), a nitrogen atom (N), or a phosphor atom (P), a silicium atom (Si), or a germanium atom (Ge);~~

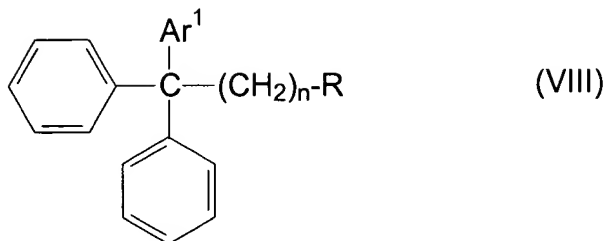
~~—  $\text{Ar}^1$ ,  $\text{Ar}^2$  and  $\text{Ar}^3$ , independently of each another, represents a mono or polycyclic aryl group selected from the group consisting of phenyl, biphenyl, naphthyl, and cyclopenta 2,4 diene 1 ylidene;~~

~~or a mono or poly heterocyclic group, wherein the mono or poly heterocyclic group is a 5 and 6 membered heterocyclic monocyclic group selected from the group consisting of furanyl, imidazolyl, isoimidazolyl, 2 isoimidazolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, 1,2,3 oxadiazolyl, 1,2,4 oxadiazolyl, 1,2,5 oxadiazolyl, 1,3,4 oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl, piperidyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolyl, pyridazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolyl, thiadiazolyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, and butyrolactonyl, which mono or polycyclic groups may optionally be substituted one or more times with substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, trihalogenmethyl, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, amino, nitro, cyano, OR'', SR'', R'OR'', R'SR'', C(O)R'', C(S)R'', C(O)OR'', C(S)OR'', C(O)SR'', C(S)SR'', C(O)NR'(OR''), C(S)NR'(OR''), C(O)NR'(SR''), C(S)NR'(SR''), CH(CN)<sub>2</sub>, C(O)NR''<sub>2</sub>, C(S)NR''<sub>2</sub>, CH[C(O)R'']<sub>2</sub>, CH[C(S)R'']<sub>2</sub>, CH[C(O)OR'']<sub>2</sub>, CH[C(S)OR'']<sub>2</sub>, CH[C(O)SR'']<sub>2</sub>, CH[C(S)SR'']<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>OR'', and CH<sub>2</sub>SR'';~~

~~— R represents hydrogen, halogen, trihalogenmethyl, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, amino, nitro or cyano, or a group of the formula OR', SR', R''OR', R''SR', C(O)R', C(S)R', C(O)OR', C(S)OR', C(O)SR', C(S)SR', C(O)NR''(OR'), C(S)NR''(OR'), C(O)NR''(SR'), C(S)NR''(SR'), CH(CN)<sub>2</sub>, C(O)NR'<sub>2</sub>,~~

~~-C(S)NR<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub>, -CH[C(O)R<sup>1</sup>]<sub>2</sub>, -CH[C(S)R<sup>1</sup>]<sub>2</sub>, -CH[C(O)OR<sup>1</sup>]<sub>2</sub>, -CH[C(S)OR<sup>1</sup>]<sub>2</sub>,  
-CH[C(O)SR<sup>1</sup>]<sub>2</sub>, -CH[C(S)SR<sup>1</sup>]<sub>2</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>1</sup>, or -CH<sub>2</sub>SR<sup>1</sup>, or a mono or  
polycyclic aryl group selected from the group consisting of phenyl,  
biphenyl, naphthyl, and cyclopenta 2,4 diene 1 ylidene, or a mono  
or poly heterocyclic group, wherein the mono or poly heterocyclic  
group is a 5 and 6 membered heterocyclic monocyclic group selected  
from the group consisting of furanyl, imidazolyl, isoimidazolyl,  
2 isoimidazolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, 1,2,3 oxadiazolyl,  
1,2,4 oxadiazolyl, 1,2,5 oxadiazolyl, 1,3,4 oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl,  
piperidyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolyl, pyridazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl,  
pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolyl, thiadiazolyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, and  
butyrolactonyl, which mono or polycyclic groups may optionally be  
substituted one or more times with substituents selected from the  
group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, trihalogenmethyl, alkyl,  
cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, amino, nitro, cyano, OR<sup>1</sup>, and SR<sup>1</sup>,  
and~~

~~— R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, independently of each another, represents hydrogen,  
alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, or alkoxy~~ Formula VIII



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an oxide or a hydrate thereof, wherein

n is 0;

Ar¹ represents a phenyl, furanyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, piperidyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl or thienyl group, which group may optionally be substituted one or more times with substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, trihalogenmethyl, alkyl, cycloalkyl, amino, nitro and cyano; and

R represents -OR', -C(O)R', -C(O)OR', -C(O)NR'₂ or -CH₂OR', wherein R' represents hydrogen, alkyl or cycloalkyl.

Claim 2. - Claim 17. (Canceled).

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the compound is (4-chlorophenyl-diphenyl)-carbinol;

Ethyl 2-phenyl-2-(1-piperidyl)-phenylacetate; or 1,1,1-triphenylacetone; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an oxide or a hydrate thereof.

Claim 19. (Canceled).

Claim 20. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, said method further comprising administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a conventional immune suppressing agent to said mammal.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the immune-suppressing agent is Amphotericin, Busulphan, Co-trimoxazole, Chlorambucil, colony stimulating factors, corticosteroids, Cyclophosphamide, Fluconazole, folinic acid, Ganciclovir, antilymphocyte immunoglobulins, normal immunoglobulins, Methotrexate, Methylprednisolone ~~Methylprednisolone~~, Octreotide, Oxpentifylline, Tacrolimus (FK506), Thalidomide, Zolimomab aritox, or the calcineurin ~~calcineurin~~ inhibitors (protein phosphatase 2B inhibitors).

Claim 22. - Claim 30. (Canceled).

Claim 31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20, wherein the conventional immune-suppressing agent is Cyclosporin.

Claim 32. - Claim 33. (Canceled).

Claim 34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein said compound is (4-chlorophenyl-diphenyl)-methanol.